

# UNCLE SAM'S ARMY IS LIKE JOSEPH'S COAT

Heterogeneous, but Finest Material in World.

Wisconsin's Crack Company Is Composed of Poles.

VARIEGATED IN COLOR, TOO

Negro Officer Dead Sure Regiment Is All American.

Didn't Like Jim Crow Y. M. C. A., So Gets One, Too.

BY WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD.  
San Antonio, Tex., July 21.—Uncle Sam has dug his ancient storm coat—the national guard—out of the attic of peace.

On the hot ironing board of Texas sands he is spreading it out for examination, and under the hot iron of discipline he is trying to make it war proof.

It is musty, wrinkled, creased with seams, ripped here and there, but the material is superb. True enough, the material doesn't like the operation. It would rather be cut in a storm doing its work. It takes every reporter, or other supposedly wise man it sees, "Aren't we going to have war with Mexico?"

But storm coats must be overhauled whether the coat likes it or not. It's all according to the man who has to depend on it in rough weather. The nature of the garment is as varied as Joseph's coat. That variegated army which I saw in Saloniki a few months ago, consisting of French, English, Serbian, Hindoo, Australians, Cochinchinese and Montenegrins, looked like a mass of blood brothers compared with the middle western militia.

40 Per Cent of Company Polish.

Having the enemy before them gave the Saloniki troops one common thought. But here, with no enemy in sight, the national guard is extremely Joseph-pattern. There's Polish Company K of Milwaukee, First Wisconsin, for instance. It was organized

fifty years ago by Theo. Rosinski. It's known as Kosciuszko's company.

Forty percent of its 120 members were born in Poland. I sat in the tent of Chaplain Henry Plasecki and tried to imagine I was back at the British, French and Austrian front, and talking with an officer of one of those armies he said it was an ancient custom not to permit any but Poles to join and that they kept up the custom out of deference to hundreds of previous members now dead.

"So many Poles try to join that we are full now and turn them out," the chaplain said. They are scattered through the Wisconsin troops.

We found a Polish church in San Antonio, and the church folks are getting together auto, buggies, wagons and all kinds of rigs to take us up to church next Sunday.

Is Wisconsin Crack Company.

But I couldn't imagine I was anywhere but in the American army. Such a thing could not happen in any other army in the world, or in any other place than America. Wisconsin claims the American government has declared the Wisconsin militia to be the model for the country. The Polish company for three years in succession has taken the first Wisconsin prize for field work. Splendid soldiers, thoroughly American, but adding variegation to Uncle Sam's storm coat.

Chicago's colored regiment, the Eighth, adds variety and even snappiness. It is hard enough for Chicago's colored troops to ride in the Jim Crow section of the street cars, San Antonio southern style, but while investigating various textures today I encountered Col. F. A. Denison, colored, chief of the regiment.

Negroes to Get Y. M. C. A., Too.  
"I think we have the only dead sure American regiment in the entire lot," he said. "We have got all kinds of folks in them but we're all the same. We are so American that we obey the San Antonio laws and ride in separate compartments of the street cars. But the other day when the army Y. M. C. A. put up that big frame building right on the edge of camp and arranged for a white Y. M. C. A. club to which colored men were not admitted, I told the Y. M. C. A. authorities I couldn't vouch for the safety of the building. If my men got at it, I couldn't keep them from tearing it down, and I wouldn't. The Y. M. C. A. people understood and one of them told me privately, 'I respect you for your action.'"

"It looks very much now," and Colonel Denison's eyes twinkled. "If my attitude will result in my regiment having a very fine Y. M. C. A. building of its own."  
These negroes are crack-jacks Americans, as much a part of the American army as any other regiment. It's the same coat and Uncle Sam has got some tailoring on hand. The more I see of it, the more I think the material is the best in the world."

To Prison for Three Days.

Kansas City, Mo., July 20.—Four boys who stole a car from a Missouri Pacific train at Edgewater Junction, Kansas last night, yesterday afternoon were sentenced today to take a three-day "experience cure" at the state penitentiary, Lansing, Kan. The railroad detectives prosecuting the case said they would be glad to furnish transportation to the penitentiary if the boys in the hope that it would cure them of riding trains.

Drowns in Kaw River.

Manhattan, Kan., July 20.—August Bachman, 17, was drowned in the Kaw river near here today when he stepped into a hole in the stream's bed while swimming.

## HE CAN'T WIN WITHOUT HARMONY

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### MOHLER TOO R. I.?

Report in Topeka That Former U. P. Man Will Come.

Admits That He Is Too Young a Man to Retire.

ENTER INTO REORGANIZATION

Mohler Well Known as a Builder of Railroads.

Knows West and Can Solve Rock Island Problem.

A. L. Mohler, former president of the Union Pacific, the man who placed that road in its present enviable position, will be in charge of the re-organization of the Rock Island Lines, according to information received in Topeka this week. The advent of Mr. Mohler into Rock Island and Kansas affairs will follow the re-organization of the Rock Island receivership in the fall.

The belief that Mr. Mohler is tiring of living a retired life and has replied favorably to the solicitations of Rock Island stockholders to re-organize the road is based upon an interview held recently by Mr. Mohler with a close friend.

Too Young to Retire.  
"I am too young a man to retire," said Mr. Mohler.

"Do you intend to return to the railroad business?"  
"I probably will."

"In the middle west?"  
"Yes."

"Reorganization work?"  
"More than likely."

He Stopped There.

At this point Mr. Mohler refused to discuss the subject any further. It is supposed that Mr. Mohler was at that time considering a proposition to place the Rock Island on its feet again, the same as he did the Union Pacific. Mr. Mohler is only 65 years of age and remains active and capable.

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### BEAUTY, 1916 CHORUS GIRL REQUISITE, BUT FEW FOUND

New York, July 21.—Woeful tidings these to the tired business man: There's a shortage of chorus girls. Sixteen hundred are needed for Broadway musical comedies now in the making and so far only 200 have been located who measure up to the standards required. First of all, let it be explained that the 1916 chorus girl will have to be a beauty.

### DID NOT PRACTICE PLAN

Paris, July 21.—That Prof. E. H. Melchior, the famous bacteriologist, failed to carry out his own old age prophecy is the explanation of his death at the age of 71 years, advanced today by a friend, who states the scientist did not vigorously exclude raw foods, salt dishes, green vegetables and half cooked meats from his diet.

This friend asserted that the professor was known to drink a glass of champagne occasionally, although he denounced its use.

### NEAR THE LOW RECORD

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blew from the north. The wind continued in the north today. The same brand of weather prevailed over all of Kansas last night and only a few light scattered showers were reported in the state. Today was somewhat warmer than yesterday and tomorrow will be about the same as today according to S. D. Flora, local weather observer.

The forecast calls for generally fair weather tonight and Saturday; slightly warmer tonight. The temperature tonight, said Mr. Flora today, will be a few degrees higher than last night but the night will be pleasant.

The low temperature this morning was 61 degrees at 5 o'clock. This is the lowest reading since June 24, and is close to the record of 57 degrees, established in 1915. The high temperature on record for this date is 104 degrees. It was recorded in 1901. The wind this morning was blowing at the rate of six miles an hour.

The Kaw river shows a tendency to rise as a result of the recent rain at Manhattan. The stage of the river this morning was 6.3 feet, a rise of three-tenths of a foot since Thursday morning.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.  
Furnished by the Weather Bureau Office, Topeka, for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today.

Stations in Kansas.

Stations.	Temp.	High.	Low.	Rain or Cloud.
Anthony	82	92	72	Clear
Atchison	82	92	72	Clear
Concordia	82	92	72	Clear
Des Moines	82	92	72	Clear
Dresden	82	92	72	Clear
Emporia	82	92	72	Clear
Euclid	82	92	72	Clear
Fort Scott	82	92	72	Clear
Goodland	82	92	72	Clear
Hanover	82	92	72	Clear
Hays	82	92	72	Clear
Iola	82	92	72	Clear
Liberal	82	92	72	Clear
Mackville	82	92	72	Clear
McPherson	82	92	72	Clear
Manhattan	82	92	72	Clear
Phillipsburg	82	92	72	Clear
TOPEKA	82	92	72	Clear
Union	82	92	72	Clear
Wichita	82	92	72	Clear
Kansas City	82	92	72	Clear
St. Joseph	82	92	72	Clear

From Other States.

Boston, Mass.	82	92	72	Rain
Buffalo, N. Y.	82	92	72	Cloudy
Calcutta, India	82	92	72	Clear
Chicago, Ill.	82	92	72	Clear
Cincinnati, O.	82	92	72	Clear
Cornwall, Conn.	82	92	72	Clear
Denver, Colo.	82	92	72	Clear
Des Moines, Ia.	82	92	72	Clear
Detroit, Mich.	82	92	72	Clear
El Paso, Tex.	82	92	72	Clear
El Wadi, Egypt	82	92	72	Clear
Galveston, Tex.	82	92	72	Clear
Harve, Mont.	82	92	72	Clear
Jacksonville, Fla.	82	92	72	Clear
Little Rock, Ark.	82	92	72	Clear
Los Angeles, Cal.	82	92	72	Clear
Memphis, Tenn.	82	92	72	Clear
New Orleans, La.	82	92	72	Clear
New York, N. Y.	82	92	72	Clear
N. Platte, Neb.	82	92	72	Clear
Omaha, Neb.	82	92	72	Clear
Portland, Ore.	82	92	72	Clear
Portland, Me.	82	92	72	Clear
St. Paul, Minn.	82	92	72	Clear
Salt Lake, Utah	82	92	72	Clear
San Francisco, Cal.	82	92	72	Clear
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.	82	92	72	Clear
Seattle, Wash.	82	92	72	Clear
Sheridan, Wyo.	82	92	72	Clear
Spokane, Wash.	82	92	72	Clear
St. Louis, Mo.	82	92	72	Clear
Tampa, Fla.	82	92	72	Cloudy
Washington, D. C.	82	92	72	Clear
Wilmington, Del.	82	92	72	Clear
Winnipeg, Man.	82	92	72	Clear

McKinley Buys Peoria Transcript.

Peoria, Ill., July 21.—The Peoria Transcript, established in 1852, and the only morning paper in Peoria, has been sold for \$40,000 at a referee in bankruptcy sale here. The voluntary bankruptcy instituted by stockholders of the paper several weeks ago, Attorney George T. Buckingham of Chicago, said to represent the McKinley interests, holders of \$45,000 of the paper's stock, was the buyer.

### ITALY HITS BACK

Decrees Germans, Enemy; Property Subject to Seizure.

Step Nearer War Declaration Between the Two Nations.

Rome, July 21.—A ministerial decree was issued today placing the persons and property of Germans on the same footing of those of Austrians and Hungarians. The decree does not directly mention Germans, but states that allies of Austria are to be treated as enemies and their subjects and goods are liable to sequestration.

Prior to the war, German property and interests in Italy were estimated to be worth \$250,000,000. Their value is now placed at only \$150,000,000. There are only a few German subjects now in Italy and these will be either placed in concentration camps or sent across the Swiss border.

There has been a strong agitation in Italy for some time for the breaking off of all relations with Germany. The situation caused by Italy being at war with Austria while nominally at peace with Germany was emphasized by an agreement between Italy and Berlin wherein all rights of the citizens of one country domiciled in the other were to be respected.

Allies Didn't Like Italy-German Pact.

On July 16 this agreement was denounced by Italy on the ground it was not being observed by Germany. At the great council of the entente powers held in Paris last February the Italian representatives were pressed for an explanation as to why Italy had not declared war on Germany. On February 29, Italy requisitioned thirty-four German ships which were interned in Italian ports. As a similar action in Portugal had promptly forced forth an ultimatum from Berlin which was followed by a declaration of war, it was confidently expected that the sequel would follow in regard to Italy.

As far as is known, however, the Kaiser did not even make a protest. The seizure of Italian troops may be sent to the western front, according to the expectations expressed in London and Paris.

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(Signed) "C. AGUILAR."

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Regarding withdrawal of American troops, however, the situation is less clear. Throughout the entire course of the dispute arising out of the Villa raids on Columbus, Mo. administration officials have professed a willingness to discuss the subject, but it has been made plain repeatedly that withdrawal could not be made the basis of an agreement for joint action against the bandits.

Wants Explanation From Wilson.

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Copper Gets \$42 an Inch.

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Copper is 51 years of age, and his success in the publishing business has been spectacular and phenomenal. In 1882 he purchased the Topeka Capital and has made it one of the prosperous daily newspapers of the state.

Mr. Copper was elected governor of Kansas two years ago and is now a candidate for re-election. He is president of the Kansas State Good Roads association and the Kansas State Historical society, a director of the Prudential State bank, the Prudential Trust Co., a stockholder in the Bank of Topeka, and was president of the board of regents of the Kansas Agricultural college.

COURT APPROVES SALE.

New Policy of Sioux City News in Effect by August 1.

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### CAPPER, BOWIE AND PELLETIER

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cash offer for their stock. If they had agreed to sell, the property could have been reorganized without court action. The refusal of the Cappers to accept the offer forced the paper into the hands of a receiver.

The same element which made the receivership necessary regretted their action while they learned that a representative of Governor Capper was here to bid on the property and an hour before the sale they employed F. E. Hill to block the action.

Judge Sears granted a writ postponing the sale until an investigation could be made, but the writ was served after the sale had been made.

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### FLOOD VICTIMS STARVE

Death Toll in Carolina Freshet Now Numbers 80 to 90.

Asheville, July 21.—Flood shortages in many of the more remote sections of western North Carolina, which were swept by last Sunday's floods was reported today and information here was that at some places, notably Mortimer and Collettsville, near Hickory, the population actually faced starvation.

Seven additional fatalities were reported overnight and the death toll from the floods now stands at from 80 to 90. Reports yesterday that ten persons had met death at Alta Fajas are denied.

THE following sales were made this morning at the Stock Yards Kansas City and reported by the Kansas City Stock Journal:

Kansas City, July 21.—CATTLE—Receipts 1,500 head. Market steady. HOGS—Receipts 3,000 head. Market 50c lower. Bulk of sales, \$3.00 to \$3.25; 10c lower. Bulk of sales, \$3.00 to \$3.25; 10c lower.

SHEEP—Receipts 1,000 head. Market steady.

KILLING STEERS.

No. 1, 75c; No. 2, 70c; No. 3, 65c; No. 4, 60c; No. 5, 55c; No. 6, 50c; No. 7, 45c; No. 8, 40c; No. 9, 35c; No. 10, 30c; No. 11, 25c; No. 12, 20c; No. 13, 15c; No. 14, 10c; No. 15, 5c; No. 16, 0c; No. 17, 0c; No. 18, 0c; No. 19, 0c; No. 20, 0c; No. 21, 0c; No. 22, 0c; No. 23, 0c; No. 24, 0c; No. 25, 0c; No. 26, 0c; No. 27, 0c; No. 28, 0c; No. 29, 0c; No. 30, 0c; No. 31, 0c; No. 32, 0c; No. 33, 0c; No. 34, 0c; No. 35, 0c; No. 36, 0c; No. 37, 0c; No. 38, 0c; No. 39, 0c; No.